

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 16, 1998

Present: Weaver, Bendall, Dumond, Ockerman, Reid.

Absent: Williams.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Chief Mark Hetfield, Police Department; Larry Runyan; Al Fowler; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Lu Hilden, The Independent; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Weaver at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to approve the November 2, 1998 Regular Council Minutes as printed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Dumond moved, Reid seconded to approve the agenda as printed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Dumond, Ockerman, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Ockerman moved, Bendall seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Reid, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Larry Runyan advised he attended a planning workshop in Lansing that morning and the workshop was very informative. He further advised it was worth the time and effort.

THIRD WARD COUNCIL SEAT: Reid moved, Bendall seconded to officially post the Third Ward seat and to appoint on December 7, 1998. Councilperson Bendall asked what the time frame was for making an appointment. Ms. Hitchcock advised the charter states an appointment must be made within 60 days. She suggested that letters of intent and completed Board or Commission Information Forms should be received by December 1, 1998 for council consideration on December 7, 1998.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Ockerman, Bendall, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

PRE-COUNCIL: Councilperson Ockerman stated there had been discussion about having an uniformed police officer present during the council meetings. Mayor Weaver asked Chief Hetfield if he could attend the council meetings in uniform. Chief Hetfield advised he did not have a problem with attending the meetings in uniform, but he does not attend every meeting. Ms. Hitchcock advised the officer on duty could be present during the meetings until he gets a call and has to leave.

Councilperson Ockerman stated he thought it was very unfair that the citizens who attend the meetings cannot hear council and suggested using microphones. Councilperson Reid suggested turning off the fan and speaking up to save some money. Mayor Weaver stated it was something council could consider.

Mayor Weaver reminded council that a workshop meeting was scheduled for November 30 at 6:30 p.m. at city hall.

Ms. Hitchcock advised Mr. Lyon contacted her and told her that his 30 days was up on December 2 and not December 1. She further advised that she explained to Mr. Lyon that the motion did not grant a 30-day extension. The motion granted an extension to December 1. She also advised that she told Mr. Lyon that he needed to address council because she had no authority.

COMMENTS: Ms. Hitchcock reminded council that the Festival of Trees starts on Friday, December 4.

Councilperson Dumond reminded council that December 5, 1998 was the city's party.

Councilperson Reid stated something should be said about Dr. Billis being up on the roof collecting money. Councilperson Ockerman stated Dr. Billis should be commended. Mayor Weaver stated that he hoped something could be done publicly at the lighting ceremony. Mayor Weaver advised the Christmas lights have been ordered for the courthouse area. Ms. Hitchcock advised volunteers are needed to put the colored caps on the lights.

ADJOURN: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Ockerman, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:15 p.m.

AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK